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SUBJECT: SOMALI GOVERNMENT CHANGES

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1. SUMMARY: ON DECEMBER 6, SRC ANNOUNCED CREATION OF FOUR HIGH LEVEL COMMITTEES TO TAKE CHARGE OF GS DR POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, SECURITY AND JUSTICE AFFAIRS. NEW STRUCTURE APPEARS TO BE ATTEMPT BY SRC TO CENTRALIZE POLICY CONTROL OF MOST IMPORTANT SECTORS OF GOVERNMENT AND TO REDUCE SRC MEMBERS MINISTERIAL WORKLOAD. ALL SRC MEMBERS EXCEPTING VP SAMANTAR WILL YIELD MINISTERIAL PORTFOLIOS TO NEW APPOINTEES WHILE THEY OCCUPY HIGHER COMMITTEE POLICY POSTS. EXCEPTION TO THIS RULE IS MINDEF SAMANTAR, HOWEVER, WHOSE POSITION APPEARS TO BE STRENGTHENED. HE'LL CONTINUE TO OCCUPY HIS MINDEF POSITION AS WELL AS CHAIRMANSHIP OF HIGH LEVEL "SECURITY AND PEACE COMMITTEE", WHICH GIVES HIM NOMINAL CONTROL OVER NSS CHIEF AHMED SULEIMAN ABDULLE. WE EXPECT THAT IMPROVEMENT IN SRC POLICY GUIDANCE AS WELL AS DAY-TO-DAY MINISTERIAL MANAGEMENT MAY RESULT. ONE SRC MEMBER (NOTORIOUS ALCOHOLIC) DISMISSED FOR FAILURE

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CARRY OUT HIS DUTIES. MINPLANNING ABOLISHED, BUT

DIRECTORATE OF PLANNING ESTABLISHED DIRECTLY UNDER PRESIDENCY, WHERE IT WILL PRESUMABLY SERVICE NEW ECONOMIC COMMITTEE. END SUMMARY.

2. SRC ANNOUNCED ON DEC. 6 CREATION OF FOUR SUPER COMMITTEES TO TAKE OVER RESPONSIBILITY FOR POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, SECURITY AND JUSTICE AFFAIRS, AS FOLLOWS.

3. POLITICAL AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE WILL BE HEADED BY THIRD VP AND SRC MEMBER COL. ISMAIL ALI ABOKOR, WHO YIELDS HIS POSITION AS SECSTATE FOR INFORMATION AND NATIONAL GUIDANCE. COMMITTEE ALSO INCLUDES LT. COL. ABDI WARSAMA ISAAK (SRC); MOHAMED OMAR JESS (SRC AND EX SECSTATE TOURISM); LT. COL. ABDIRAZAK MOHAMUD ABOKAR (SRC AND EX SECSTATE EDUCATION); AND LT. COL. ABDULCADIR HAJI MOHAMED (SRC AND CURRENT SEC OF POLITICAL OFFICE). DR. MOHAMED ADEN, EX MIN OF CULTURE AND HIGHER EDUCATION, WILL SERVE AS ADVISOR TO COMMITTEE.

4. ECONOMIC COMMITTEE WILL BE CHAIRED BY BG HUSEIN CULMIE AFRAH, 1ST VP AND EX SECSTATE FOR INTERIOR. COMMITTEE ALSO INCLUDES MOHAMED ALI SHIRE (SRC AND HEAD OF AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION); LT. COL. FARAH WEIS DULLEH (SRC AND HEAD OF SANANA BOARD); COL. AHMED HASSAN MUSA (SRC AND HEAD OF CRASH PROGRAM-- STATE COOPERATIVE FARM); AND OSMAN MOHAMED JELLE, (SRC AND FORMER SECSTATE LIVESTOCK). ADVISORS ARE DR. MOHAMED YUSUF WEIRAH (EX SECSTATE FINANCE); MOHAMED WARSMAA "KIMIKO" (EX SECSTATE FOREIGN COMMERCE); IBRAHIM NEGA SAMANTAR (EX SECSTATE PLANNING) AND OMAR SALEH (EX SECSTATE AGRICULTURE).

5. PEACE AND SECURITY COMMITTEE IS CHAIRED BY BG MOHAMED ALI SAMANTAR, SECOND VP, WHO ALSO REMAINS COMMANDANT OF ARMY AND SECSTATE FOR DEFENSE. NEXT ON COMMITTEE IS SAMANTAR'S DEPUTY, BG ABDALLA MOHAMED FAIL (SRC AND FIRST VICE COMMANDANT OF ARMY), THEN COL. AHMED SULEIMAN ABDULLE (SRC AND HEAD OF NATIONAL SECURITY SERVICE); AND MOHAMED GHELLE YUSUF (SRC, PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL SECURITY COURT AND COMMANDANT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF NAVY). AS MEMBER OF SECURITY COMMITTEE, COL. SULEIMAN ABDULLE WILL PRESUMABLY BE RESPONSIBLE TO SAMANTAR AS OVERSEER OF ALL SECURITY MATTERS. SULEIMAN HAS HAD DIFFICULTIES WITH SAMANTAR IN PAST REGARDING NSS OPERATIONS INTRUDING INTO ARMY AFFAIRS AND HIS ASSERTION HE WAS TO REPORT TO SIAD RATHER THAN SAMANTAR. NOMINALLY,

AT LEAST, HE WOULD NOW APPEAR TO BE UNDER SAMANTAR'S THUMB.

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6. JUSTICE COMMITTEE IS HEADED BY ALI MATTAN HASHI (SRC AND ECONOMIC ADVISOR TO PRESIDENT SIAD). ALSO INCLUDES CO. MOHAMED SHEIKH OSMAN (SRC EX SECSTATE PUBLIC WORKS AND ONE-TIME MEMBER OF NATIONAL SECURITY COURT); MUSA GOTT (SRC AND EX SECSTATE FOR TRANSPORT); AHMED MOHAMED FARAH (SRC AND EX SECSTATE POST AND TELEGRAPH AND ADVISOR); ABDULAZIZ NUR HERSI (EX SECSTATE FOR LABOR AND SPORTS). FORMATION OF THIS COMMITTEE IS DRAWN FROM THOSE SRC MEMBERS WHO HEADED IMPORTANT MINISTERIAL POSTS WHICH THEY HAVE NOW YIELDED TO CIVIL SERVANTS. IT HAS GOOD TRIBAL BALANCE, BUT ITS ROLE--EXCEPT AS PLACE FOR THOSE SRC MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT RPT NOT BEEN PUT INTO OTHER PIGEONHOLES--IS NOT CLEAR.

7. MIN OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS NOT RPT NOT AFFECTED BY DEC. 6 REORGANIZATION. ALSO LEFT INTACT WERE MINISTRIES OF DEFENSE, HEALTH, JUSTICE AND RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS, INDUSTRIES, AND FISHERIES. MIN OF PLANNING WAS ABOLISHED, AND DIRECTORATE OF PLANNING UNDER PRESIDENCY WILL PRESUMABLY SERVICE NEW ECON COMMITTEE.

8. SRC MEMBER LT. COL. MOHAMED YUSUF ELMU WAS

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DISMISSED FOR FAILURE "TO CARRY OUT HIS DUTIES".
ELMI WAS AN ALCOHOLIC AND AN EMBARRASSMENT TO REGIME
BECAUSE OF HIS INTEMPERANCE. HIS LOSS IS NOT
SIGNIFICANT.

9. NAMES OF NEW SECSTATES FOR VARIOUS MINISTRIES
CONTAINED REFTEL, AND FUTHER DATA WILL BE FORWARDED
BY AIRGRAM. IN DISCUSSING NEW ORGANIZATION WITH
AMBASSADOR DEC. 7, THIRD VP CULMIE NOTED THAT CHANGES
WERE ATTEMPT TO FREE SRC MEMBERS FROM DAILY OPERATIONAL
CHORES FOR MORE IMPORTANT POLICY RESPONSIBILITIES AND
TO "CIVILIANIZE" GSDR MINISTRIES. WHETHER IT REPRESENTS
ANYTHING MORE THAN THAT REMAINS TO BE SEEN. SOME
OBSERVERS BELIEVE THAT NEW ORGANIZATION IS FIRST STEP
TOWARDS ESTABLISHING GSDR CENTRAL PARTY STRUCTURE.
COMMITTEE "ADVISORS"--LIKE DR. MOHAMED ADEN-- ARE
MOSTLY KNOWN ENTHUSIASTS FOR "SOCIALISM" WHO COULD GIVE
PROPER IDEOLOGICAL ADVICE TO COMMITTEE DELIBERATIONS
BUT WHOSE DELIBERATIONS, AT LEAST FOR NOW, WOULD
APPEAR REMAIN FIRMLY IN HANDS OF EXISTING SRC
MEMBERSHIP.
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